THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the schemes are yet to be finalised.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Soon after finalisation of details of the scheme the construction of two convenient Shopping Centres in this colony will be taken up which is likely to be completed in a years' time.

Monitoring of Tree Plantation Programme under NREP and RLEGP

1684. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any agency of the Central Government to carry out systematic monitoring and assessment of the survival of seedlings planted under the Tree Plantation Programme and to oversee the state Governments' spending 20 per cent of the total Central funds earmarked for the National Rural Employment Programme and the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme;

(b) if so, what are the achievements made so far under the tree plantation programmes of various States; and

(c) the steps being taken to boost tree plantation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Monitoring of tree plantation under social forestry sector for the NREP/RLEGP is basically the responsibility of the State Governments. However, at the Central level, posts of an Adviser and a Dy. Adviser (Social Forestry) along with some supporting staff have been sanctioned to oversee the implementation of social forestry works.

(b) A statement indicating the social forestry works taken up under NREP during the VIth Plan period as reported by the States/UT Administrations is enclosed. (See Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 42.)- Social forestry projects of Rs. 43.00 crores have been approved under the RLEGP up to 1984-85. Progress reports of these projects have not yet been received.

(c) Guidelines for social forestry works have been issued to the States/UTs. States/UTs. have also been asked to constitute a Committee in each district under the Chairmanship of District Collector with concerned officials, representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions and voluntary agencies as members for coordinating the strategy for this programme.

Award of Professorship of Eminence to Agro-Scientists

1685. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR awards Professorship of Eminence to agro-scientists as recognition of merit;

(b) what positions each scientists had held before the award of Professorship of Eminence;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the date of joining, the programme, place of research and the dates of completing of assignment during each year of the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(d) the details of persons who have not joined their present position and the reasons for not joining the programme;

(e) whether the nature of duties of persons awarded professorship, now involves conducting laboratory or field research on the topic of research, conducted prior to award of Professorship of Eminence; and